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Four reports describing Soviet naval vessels observed in the Baltic area [redacted]

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Vessels

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Sassnitz: KRONSTADT-class submarine chasers [redacted]
Swinoujscie: three RIGA-class escort vessels. Off Kronshtadt: one T-43-class minesweeper. In Kronshtadt: KIROV-class cruiser [redacted] SVERDLOV-class cruiser the ADMIRAL MAKAROV, the VYBORG. In the Fontanka Canal in Leningrad: two cruiser hulls, one was newly-painted; the other only partly painted.

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Swinoujscie: three RIGA-class escort vessels. Riga: three possible T-43-class minesweepers. Daugavgriva: six unidentified vessels. Sassnitz: KRONSTADT-class submarine chasers [redacted]

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Destroyer [redacted] off Surasaari; old-type cruiser in tow in Morskoy Kanal, hull red-lead.

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Klaipeda: Naval vessel [redacted] two P-6-class MTBs, repair shop [redacted]

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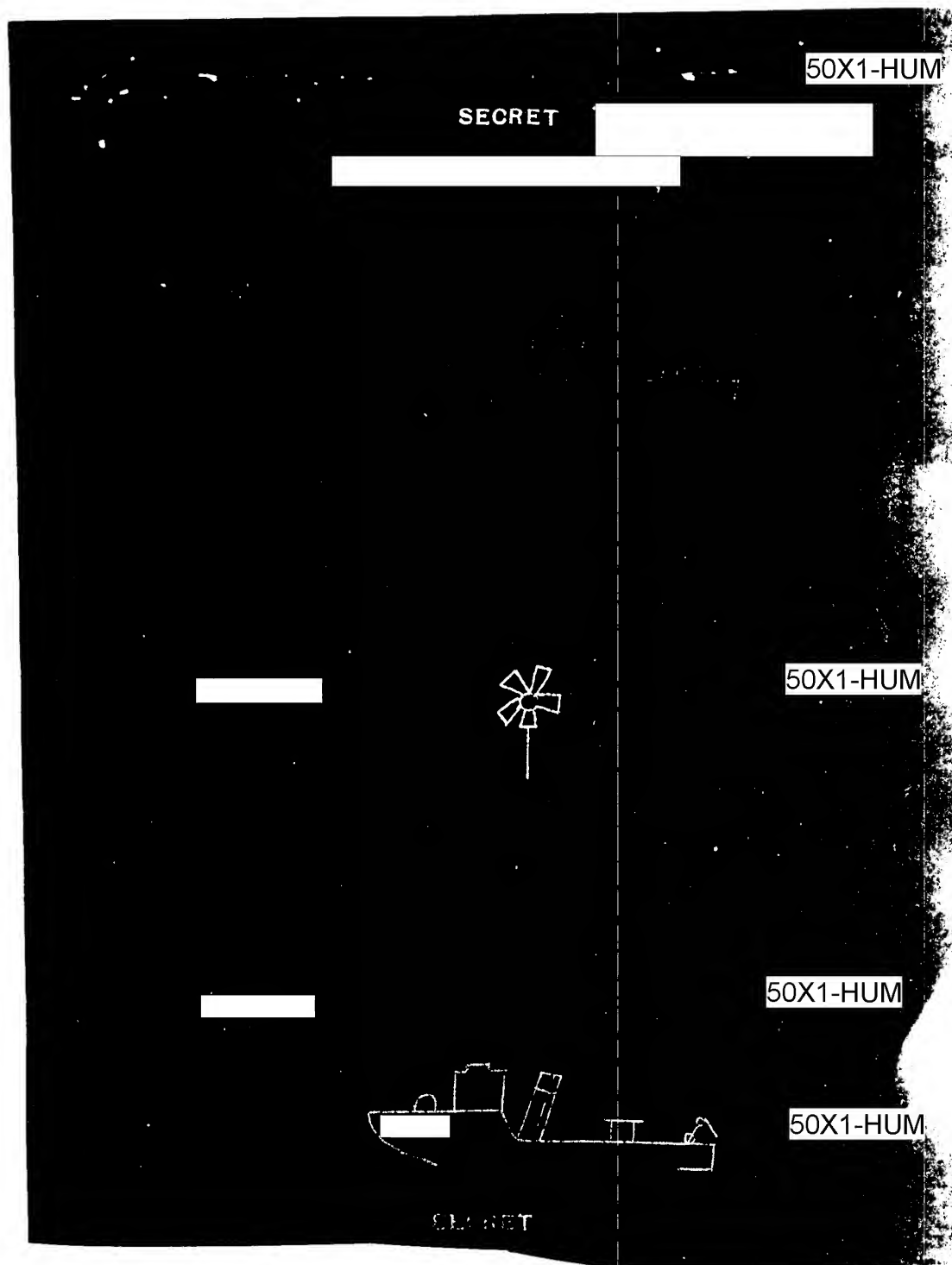
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Source description	50X1-HUM
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[redacted] the following naval vessels were stationed in Memel Harbor	50X1-HUM
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. one vessel [redacted]2. 2 motor torpedo boats of type P-6, [redacted] and torpedo tubes. A medium-sized mast was mounted on the deck shortly behind the bridge; it had a star-shaped device mounted on top and protruded over the bridge level; 23. one repair ship [redacted] having a pontoon-like craft in tow.	50X1-HUM
<u>Comment.</u>	50X1-HUM
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vessel [redacted] is presumably a submarine chaser of the KRONSTADT Class.2. A motor torpedo boat without torpedo tubes had been observed in Memel [redacted]. The sketch of the star-shaped device on top of the mast does not allow a clear identification of the device.3. Auxiliary vessel [redacted] has been observed for the first time. <p>For sketch, see Annex.</p>	50X1-HUM
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1. [redacted] there was seen about 20' east of the island of [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Hogland a destroyer [redacted] [redacted] and
a step in the declivity about abreast of the first funnel.

2. [redacted] there was observed in Leningrad a cruiser similar 50X1-HUM
to an old style ship being pulled by two tugs from the inner part
of the harbor and which was finally moored at a wooden quay in the
south end of the Morskoy Canal. This old ship had the following
appearance:

A step in the declivity aft of the foremost stack, no masts,
two stacks, relatively far apart from one another and with
an empty space between them, the foremost funnel being
somewhat higher, and the latter with a somewhat bent top, a
superstructure forward of the first stack, and a smaller
deck structure aft of the rear funnel, no armament, the hull
entirely red-lead, and at the water line a white colored
band about 12 or 13cm broad.

During the evening there was taken on board the ship, by means of
some large cranes on the quay, some heavy iron objects, whose
construction the observer could not see on account of the darkening
light. The guards aboard the ship consisted of soldiers in brown
uniforms.

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1. The following vessels were observed in Swinemünde

a. Three MGA-class frigates.

b. A number of minesweepers.

2. The following were observed

Riga - Export Harbor

a. Three vessels similar to the T-43 class.

b. Two schooner-rigged training ships.

Danabünde

c. Six small vessels, some of the T-43 class.

3. in Sassnitz, daily or on separate occasions, the KRONSTADT-class subchasers were observed.

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The following observations were made

In Cassnita were submarine of the
KRONSTADT class.

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In Swinemunde were three frigates of the RIGA class, a number of
smaller vessels and about twenty motor torpedo boats.

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Between the Kronstadt and Leningrad lightships was seen ^{there} minesweeper
of the T-43 class engaged in minesweeping. In Kronstadt were
cruiser of the KIROV class, the cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV, a
cruiser of the SVEIDLIOV class, the armored ship VYBORG, and a number
of other warships which could not be identified on account of dark-
ness. In the Fontanka Canal were two cruiser hulls, one of them
newly painted and the other only partly painted, and equipped with
freshly painted plates in the midship and foreship construction
areas. The cruiser hull at the transverse quay (tvarkajen) in the
Morskoy canal was gone, and at the position a large merchant ship now
lies.

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